



**TOWN OF BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE
TOWN BULLETIN
MARCH 2006**

TOWN COUNCIL	April 25	Wells
PLANNING COMMISSION	April 20	Casey
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT	April 5	Hauck
WABA	April 5	Bromberg

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In Sympathy: Robert Vasen, twenty year old son of Dan and Evie Vasen, was killed on Sunday, March 26th, when the car in which he was riding was struck by another car at NE 2nd and 108th NE in Bellevue. He was an Economics major at the University of Washington. He was an organ donor. A memorial service was held for him on Wednesday where he was remembered as an exceptional, loving person to friends and family and to young and old alike. His parents, a brother, David, and sister, Jackie, survive him. Our thoughts and our prayers go to his family.

Attention Boat Trailer Owners: As of June 1st, 2006, Town of Beaux Arts Village Ordinance No. 333 regarding the parking and storage of trailers will be actively enforced. Ord. 333 Section 9C states "...additional parking spaces shall be provided for all boats, trailers and recreational vehicles that occupants regularly park or keep at any dwelling. These parking spaces shall be screened from view from the street and/or adjoining property by a fence or natural foliage..." Ord. 333 defines screening as "fencing, landscaping, or structure that obscures the view of an object from the right-of-way and/or adjoining property". Please contact Clerk-Treasurer Sue Ann Spens at 425.454.8580 or by email at townhall@beauxarts-wa.gov if you have any questions regarding this ordinance or its enforcement.

Name Signs: One of the unique characteristics of the Village is the family name signs that identify, in a very general way, where Villagers live. Some of the signs belonging to our long-time residents are beginning to look a bit weathered and ragged. If you would like to purchase a new sign to replace one that may be fading or chipping, please contact Clerk-Treasurer Sue Ann Spens at 425.454.8580 or by email at townhall@beauxarts-wa.gov. Each sign costs about \$30 and is made with durable vinyl letters that should last for many years.

Spring Clean Up: The Town's Spring Clean-up will be held April 15th. Watch your mailstand for additional information including a map showing the locations of the dumpsters. We have ordered five dumpsters for this clean up so there should be plenty of capacity. Kudos to Robin Stefan and her crew for organizing another clean up that is sure to be a success.

A Reminder – Backflow Prevention Testing: Residents with outdoor water features connected by permanent piping to the Town's water distribution system (such as lawn sprinklers, hot tubs, fountains) must test the backflow-prevention device in their water service line annually. This important device helps prevent contamination of the Town's water supply/ distribution system and ensures that the water delivered to your home is safe to drink. If you have installed an outdoor water feature recently, please contact Town Hall by email at townhall@beauxarts-wa.gov or by phone at 425.454.8580 and let us know. In the spring, Clerk-Treasurer Spens will coordinate a testing schedule.

COUNCIL BUSINESS: Highlights from the March 14th Council meeting include:

- The Planning Commission outlined their progress on possible minor changes to the Town's zoning code that would allow minor intrusions into the setbacks, e.g. eaves, chimneys of limited width, and bay windows. Planning Commissioner Dennis Casey made the presentation stressing that the Planning Commission is not advocating that setbacks be changed or that the Board of Adjustment soften their enforcement of setbacks in any way.
- Councilmember Clemett asked the Council to adopt the practices of King County in banning the use of Noxious Weeds (as listed on their master list) on public property. It was the consensus of the Council to strongly discourage the planting of ivy, laurel, and other non-native plants listed by King County online at www.metrokc.gov/Weeds/weedlist.cfm.
- The Council decided to begin actively enforcing rules that prohibit the parking of boat trailers on Town rights-of-way and that require screening of trailers parked on private property. Enforcement will begin June 1, 2006 giving trailers owners time to

either park their trailers behind screening on their property or make offsite storage arrangements.

- Councilmember Young reported that a dying maple tree on the path from 5 Corners near the Justus property was scheduled for removal and that a tree at the north end of 106th Pl SE will be examined as it appears to be unhealthy.
- The Council decided to install a stop sign on westbound SE 29th Street where it intersects with 106th Pl SE. Visibility is limited at this intersection, and the Council has become concerned about preventing a serious accident.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: The next regular Council meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on April 25, 2006 at Mayor Judee Wells' house. The meeting has been continued from its regular date (April 11, 2006) because of Spring Break.

Beaux Arts Portraits at MOHAI: Through Sunday, April 16 the Museum of History and Industry features an exhibition of portraits of Beaux Arts resident children by artist Kathleen Houlahan, painted from 1910 – 1925. Julianne Baron of the Museum, who alerted us about the exhibit, hopes that many village residents will be able to view the exhibition. The children in the portraits are unidentified, and so if anyone is able to identify any of the children in the portraits please let the museum know. The artists' family owns most of these portraits, and they would like to know who these children are. Following is the text that accompanies the Beaux Arts portraits.

Beaux Arts

In 1908, Seattle artist Frank Calvert and architect Alfred Renfro organized a private community of artist families on fifty forested acres on the eastern shore of Lake Washington. From the beginning, Beaux Arts was intended to be an arts and crafts village, in the European Beaux Arts tradition. Residents were inspired by the satisfaction of creating exquisite handwork to beautify everyday life. By 1916, fifteen families had built homes in the village, and more were planned. Houses were designed to meet shared aesthetic standards, and many furnishings were fabricated in the community's workshops.

Isolated on the lakeshore and surrounded by beauty, Beaux Arts residents pursued "country living in a natural setting." Between 1910 and 1925, when Kathleen Houlahan painted these portraits of resident children, Beaux Arts residents led simple lives. The community had no electricity until 1917, and the first telephone was installed in 1921. Seattle was an hour away, by boat and trolley.

During the hungry 1930s, the dream of an arts and crafts village began to fade, and the community lost its property to King County, for unpaid back taxes. However, Beaux Arts incorporated as a town in 1954, and today is one of the Seattle area's elite residential suburbs.

WABA News:

Village Easter Egg Hunt: Please join us for the Village Egg Hunt at Beaux Arts Beach on Saturday, April 8, 9:00 am. Please Bring 12 stuffed plastic eggs per child to the Harpster's by Friday, April 7 at 5:00pm. (Use the coolers on the front or back porches). And for older hunters, join the flashlight egg hunt on Friday, April 7, 7:30 p.m. Meet at the tennis courts w/flashlights. Participants should drop 20 stuffed plastic eggs per child at the Clemett's by April 6. Questions? Call 451-2515.

Annual Assessment: A reminder that the annual assessment is due March 31. The amount is \$455 because each household had a \$45 credit from last year's legal assessment. Treasurer Gerri Armbruster now has a locked mailbox so mail it or walk it over to 10305 SE 27.

WABA Spring Work Party: Please mark your calendars!

The WABA Spring work party is scheduled for Saturday April 29th from 9:00 to 5:00 and we need your help. There will be coffee and donuts and a hot dog lunch at noon. Please plan on joining us for this annual Beach clean up. If you have questions or suggestions regarding clean-up projects, please contact our Beachmaster, Jan Johnston at 454-6151.

NEED TO CONTACT TOWN STAFF?

- Contact **Clerk-Treasurer Sue Ann Spens** if you need to speak to someone about **issues before the Council, general Town business, or Water-Department concerns**. You can reach her by email at townhall@beauxarts-wa.gov, by phone at (425) 454-8580, or by regular mail at 10550 SE 27th Street, Beaux Arts, WA 98004.
- Contact **Deputy Clerk Betsy Donworth** if you need information, applications, or other assistance with **permits, variances, or issues before the Planning Commission or Board of Adjustment**. She can be reached by email at bldgdept@beauxarts-wa.gov, by phone at (425) 453-0235, or by regular mail at 10550 SE 27th Street, Beaux Arts, WA 98004.
- Contact **Town Marshal Kyle Branum** at (425) 456-0411 or **Blockwatch Coordinator Sylvia Hobbs** at (425) 454-3732 to report Blockwatch concerns.

